

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-23 (**Canceled**)

Claim 24 (**New**) A semiconductor memory card storing:

an audio sequence in which a plurality of audio objects are arranged;

resume information including a type 1 resume position set according to a user operation, and including, using time information, a type 2 resume position that was automatically set when playback of the audio sequence last stopped; and

a plurality of pieces of entry information, each of which is respectively associated with a different audio object, each piece of entry information showing at least one entry position in the respectively associated audio object, adjacent entry positions being separated by an interval equivalent to y seconds, wherein

each audio object includes a plurality of audio frames,

each audio frame has a reproduction time of x seconds and comprises a header part and a data part, the data part having been compressed by a variable-length encoding method, and

the y seconds are not less than twice the x seconds.

Claim 25 (**New**) A semiconductor memory card in accordance with Claim 24, further storing at least one piece of playback route information, each of which defines a playback route by including identification information of at least one audio object and a playback position of the at least one audio object in the playback route, wherein

the resume information further includes specifying information that specifies one piece of playback route information, and

the resume information shows the type 1 resume position by using a piece of identification information and a playback position of an audio object in the specified piece of playback route information, and shows the type 2 resume position by using the time information combined with a piece of identification information and a playback position of an audio object in the specified piece of playback route information.

Claim 26 (New) A semiconductor memory card in accordance with Claim 25, further storing a piece of supplementary resume information respectively corresponding to each piece of playback route information, wherein

each piece of supplementary resume information shows a position in an audio object from which playback should start when audio objects are to be played back in accordance with the respectively corresponding piece of playback route information, using the time information combined with a piece of identification information of the audio object from which playback should start, and

each resume position shown by the resume information is one of a plurality of positions shown by a plurality of pieces of supplementary resume information.

Claim 27 (New) A semiconductor memory card in accordance with Claim 26, wherein

a first value is set in each piece of supplementary resume information when playback is complete for all audio objects whose identification information is indicated by the respectively corresponding piece of playback route information, and

a second value, which is represented by the time information combined with a piece of identification information of an audio object, is set in each piece of supplementary resume information when playback is not complete for all audio objects whose identification information is indicated by the respectively corresponding piece of playback route information.

Claim 28 (New) A playback apparatus for a semiconductor memory card that stores (1) an audio sequence in which a plurality of audio objects are arranged, (2) resume information including a resume position for use when playback of the audio sequence resumes within the audio sequence, and (3) a plurality of pieces of entry information, each of which is respectively associated with a different audio object, each piece of entry information showing at least one entry position in the respectively associated audio object, adjacent entry positions being separated by an interval equivalent to y seconds,

the playback apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive, from a user, a first playback operation specifying one of the audio objects or a second playback operation that does not specify any of the audio objects; and

a playback unit operable to play back the specified audio object when the receiving unit has received the first playback operation, and read the resume information from the semiconductor memory card and play back the audio sequence starting from the resume position shown by the resume information when the receiving unit has received the second playback operation,

wherein the playback unit, when resuming a playback from an audio object, (a) detects, when the audio object has a plurality of entry positions, an entry position that is before and closest to the resume position, and (b) detects an audio frame corresponding to the resume position by referring to header parts of audio objects after the detected entry position.

Claim 29 (New) The playback apparatus of Claim 28, wherein

the playback unit detects the audio frame corresponding to the resume position by:

- (1) acquiring a size of an audio frame u from the audio frame u ;
- (2) adding a playback time period of the audio frame u to a playback time v ; and
- (3) accessing an audio frame that follows the audio frame u , based on the acquired size of the audio frame u , and recognizing the accessed audio frame as the audio frame u , and wherein

the audio frame u represents an audio frame that exists immediately after the detected entry position, and the playback time v represents a playback time indicated by a piece of entry information corresponding to the audio object.

Claim 30 (New) A recording apparatus for a semiconductor memory card, the recording apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive an operation made by a user;

a playback unit operable to play back audio objects included in an audio sequence when the received operation is a playback operation; and

a recording unit operable to specify, when the received operation is a stop operation, a resume position based on a playback time corresponding to a playback position where the user made the stop operation, the resume position showing where playback of the audio sequence should be resumed, and record resume information including the resume position onto the semiconductor memory card.

Claim 31 (New) A playback method for a semiconductor memory card that stores (1) an audio sequence in which a plurality of audio objects are arranged, (2) resume information including a resume position for use when playback of the audio sequence resumes within the audio sequence, and (3) a plurality of pieces of entry information, each of which is respectively associated with a different audio object, each piece of entry information showing at least one entry position in the respectively associated audio object, adjacent entry positions being separated by an interval equivalent to y seconds,

the playback method comprising:

a receiving operation of receiving, from a user, a first playback operation specifying one of the audio objects or a second playback operation that does not specify any of the audio objects; and

a playback operation of playing back the specified audio object when the receiving step operation has received the first playback operation, and reading the resume information from the semiconductor memory card and playing back the audio sequence starting from the resume position shown by the resume information when the receiving operation has received the second playback operation,

wherein the playback operation, when resuming a playback from an audio object, (a) detects, when the audio object has a plurality of entry positions, an entry position that is before and closest to the resume position, and (b) detects an audio frame corresponding to the resume position by referring to header parts of audio objects after the detected entry position.

Claim 32 (New) The playback method of Claim 31, wherein

the playback operation detects the audio frame corresponding to the resume position by:

- (1) acquiring a size of an audio frame u from the audio frame u ;
- (2) adding a playback time period of the audio frame u to a playback time v ; and
- (3) accessing an audio frame that follows the audio frame u , based on the acquired size of the audio frame u , and recognizing the accessed audio frame as the audio frame u , and wherein

the audio frame u represents an audio frame that exists immediately after the detected entry position, and the playback time v represents a playback time indicated by a piece of entry information corresponding to the audio object.

Claim 33 (New) A recording method for a semiconductor memory card, the recording method comprising:

receiving an operation made by a user;

playing back audio objects included in an audio sequence when the received operation is a playback operation; and

specifying, when the received operation is a stop operation, a resume position based on a playback time corresponding to a playback position where the user made the stop operation, the resume position showing where playback of the audio sequence should be resumed, and recording resume information including the resume position onto the semiconductor memory card.